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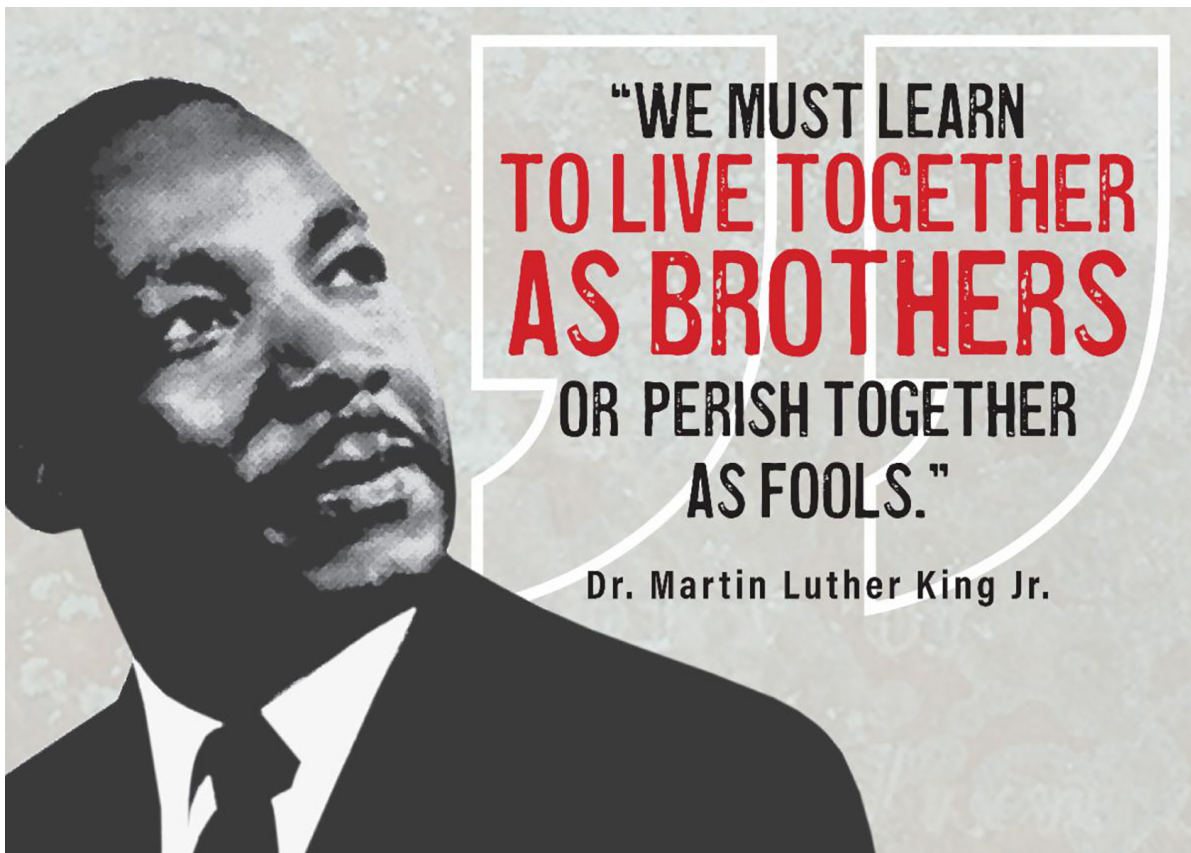
First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

JANUARY 16, 2022

**SUNDAY OF MLK HOLIDAY WEEKEND
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**



We respond to God's call by welcoming everyone regardless of ability, age, ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation or socio-economic background.

To proclaim in word and deed the love of Christ, we affirm that all may share in the full life, ministry, fellowship, responsibilities and blessing of our congregation.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Order of Worship

An asterisk () indicates that worshipers are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

If you would like a personal joy or concern read aloud and you are at home, you may text 314-858-6710, or fill out a prayer card, found in the pew box.

Due to the surge of infections from the Omicron variant of Covid 19, we are requiring that everyone wear a mask indoors at First Congregational Church.

PRELUDE *Song for My Father* Horace Silver

WELCOME Phil Shoulberg

TOLLING THE BELL AND LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT *Come Sunday* Duke Ellington

CALL TO WORSHIP from Dr. King's "Address at Dartmouth," 1962
(Responsive – Leader; **People**)

There are some things in our society and in our world to which I'm proud to be maladjusted... I never intend to become adjusted to segregation and discrimination. I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few. I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism and the self-defeating effects of physical violence.

When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds and our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a great benign power in the universe whose name is God and God is able to make a way out of no way, and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.

***RAISING THE COVENANT (Unison)** *Covenant of 1977*

We who are called of God into this Christian community covenant together: to seek to know the will of God, to experience the joy and struggle of discipleship, to proclaim in word and deed the love of Christ, and to work for peace and justice among all people. We trust God's promise of grace and forgiveness and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our trials and rejoicing.

***RITUAL OF APPROACH**

**Invitation*

**Prayer of Confession*

Loving God, you have gathered us as members of your flock... Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Gracious God, you have commissioned us... Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Words of Assurance*

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Trumpet vs. Saxophone

Halley Kim & Friends

SCRIPTURE READINGS

From the Epistles

1 Corinthians 12:1-13 New Revised Standard Version

Now concerning spiritual gifts, my siblings, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say, “Jesus is Sovereign,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same One we serve; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Response.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free

Billy Taylor

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“The Challenge of Tolerance: Rev. David Denoon, Pastor III. Tolerance as Complementarity”

INTERLUDE

Ubuntu

Chris Bakriges / Cliff Aerie
Ralph Vaughan Williams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Lift Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the Day

Rev. Denoon

From the islands and the oceans, ... Today we ask you:

O God, hear our prayer and grant us your love.

We pray for those who live in the midst of injustice ... Today we ask you:

O God, hear our prayer and grant us your justice.

We pray for the visible unity of the Church ... Today we ask you:

O God, hear our prayer and grant us passion for unity.

We thank you for the many colors ... Today we ask you:

O God, hear our prayer and grant us your peace.

Prayer of Our Savior (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES ARISING

Halley Kim

HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson and
J. Rosamund Johnson

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the lifting skies; let it resound loud as the roaring sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us!

Facing the rising sun of a new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our people sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,

We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, God who has brought us thus

far on the way,
God who— by your might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we
pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,— forget you;
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to
our native land!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Marching with the King
(Dedicated to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Cliff Aerie

DISMISSAL

Phil Shoulberg

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### **The Oikos Ensemble**

Kim Fuller Barnes, vocal • Jim Owens, piano • Tim Osiek, trumpet  
Cliff Aerie, sax • Ric Vice, bass • David True, bass

Our thanks to these artist for sharing their music with us this morning!

Sunday worship each week is shared in person for those who wish to attend  
and streamed live on YouTube, starting at 10:00am ([bit.ly/FCCWG-YT](https://bit.ly/FCCWG-YT)).

### **Electronic Device Users**

If you wish to access our wi-fi, our network connections are: fccwg1, fccwg2  
or fccwg3. The password for each is firstchurch.

### **Finding Your Way at First Church**

**The Nursery:** The Nursery is attended today. The Nursery is located through the double doors at the end of the Narthex (foyer), turn left. Nursery/Toddler Room is on your right (Dutch doors).

**Restrooms:** Family restrooms are located to the right of the Narthex (foyer) as you go to the Library (look for the blue library banner) and to the left of the Narthex just before the double doors.

### **We Hold in Our Prayers**

- Our residents in assisted living and skilled care – Sharon Beal, Joyce Berger, Paul Davis, Margery Gable, Shirley Moore
- All people who are living with dementia, their families, and their caregivers
- People we love who are living with cancer – Bill Barrett, Margaret Gustafson
- Health concerns in the Hayes family
- All those the world regards as disabled – especially David & Becky Scott
- People with mental illnesses, as well as the people who love and care for them
- Peace with justice

## **Afghan Family Support Group formed at First Church!**

Laura Cooper and Pat Doyle-Grace recruited 5 additional people from church in response to an invitation to participate as Community Volunteers through the International Institute of St. Louis in welcoming Afghan refugees to our city. We participated in a Zoom orientation last week and have made financial and time commitments to supporting one of the families among the new arrivals. We are calling ourselves the **Afghan Family Support Group** and hope to provide updates as the next few months progress.

## **Donations Needed for Webster Rock Hill Ministries MLK Day of Service – Monday, January 17**

We are hosting a community drive on their east parking lot from 1pm to 4pm in honor of Dr. King.

**Please generously donate:**

Soap • Shampoo • Shaving Cream • Razors • Deodorant • Canned Vegetables Canned Soups • Rice • Diapers (all sizes) • Baby Wipes • Toilet Paper • Detergent • and Toothpaste!

## **Volunteers Sought for Sunday Live Streaming**

Lead Audio-Visual Technician Mark Metcalf is seeking volunteers of any experience level (he will train you), to work with him adjusting cameras and other recording devices on Sunday mornings. Interested individuals should pay a visit to Mark in the A/V corner of the sanctuary, or contact Mark (link) at your earliest convenience.

## **January Meal-a-Month**

Boxed Whole Grain Pasta • Canned Green Vegetable (low or no salt) • Canned Fruit in own juices  
Powdered Milk, shelf stable milk, soy milk • Cold Cereal (no sugar) • Plain Oatmeal (no sugar)  
Sugar free juices in plastic bottles

## **Volunteer & Other Opportunities**

1. MLK Day of Service
2. Kids' Church Volunteers
3. A/V Assistants
4. Care Calendar Dinner's (As needed)

## **How to Donate to First Congregational Church**

You may leave a donation in the offering plate in the Narthex.

Send a check made out to FCCWG at:

First Congregational Church

10 W. Lockwood Ave.

Webster Groves, MO 63119

visit <http://firstchurchwg.org/donate> to make an electronic contribution or scan the QR code



## **What's Going on at First Church this Week**

### **Sunday, January 16**

**9:00 AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00 AM** **Worship**

**10:15 AM** Kids' Church

### **Monday, January 17**

***Martin Luther King Holiday***

***Office Closed***

**1:00 - 4:00 PM** "Day of Service"

**4:00 PM** Executive Ministry (Zoom)

### **Tuesday, January 18**

**10:30 AM** Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 19**

**9:30 AM** Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room

### **Thursday, January 20**

**6:00 PM** Canterbury Bells Practice

**7:00 PM** Scout Troop 301G – Parlor

### **Saturday, January 22**

Youth Game Night (virtual)

### **Sunday, January 23**

***Ecumenical Sunday***

**9:00 AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00 AM** **Worship**

**10:15 AM** Kids' Church



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